



HAVE YOU TESTED YOUR WELL WATER FOR ARSENIC?

Why you should test well water for arsenic:

1. LONG-TERM drinking of water with high levels of arsenic has been found to cause CANCER.
2. FOR EVERY 100 Maine private household wells, between 2 and 10 may have arsenic levels higher than the current federal drinking water standard.
3. FOR EVERY 100 Maine private household wells, between 10 and 30 may have arsenic levels higher than the current World Health Organization guideline.
4. TESTING well water for arsenic is easy and does not cost a lot of money. A water test for just arsenic costs \$12 to \$15. You can order a test kit from the Maine State Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory at 287-2727 or check your yellow pages for a state certified private laboratory.

If your water tests high for arsenic:

1. REDUCE how much arsenic gets into your body by using bottled water for drinking and preparing beverages. This is a good short-term solution.
2. TREATMENT systems to remove arsenic from well water are available. Consult a water treatment specialist.



For more information about arsenic in Maine well water contact:

Maine Bureau of Health

Environmental Toxicology Program

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